

1                    H JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 39  
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4    A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
 5    REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA DIRECTING THE BOARD  
 6    OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TO ADOPT POLICIES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT  
 7    OF CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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 9            WHEREAS, our state's and our nation's natural resources  
 10    are finite and in danger of serious depletion; and

11           WHEREAS, the future availability of natural resources  
 12    for the production of goods, materials, and energy and the  
 13    preservation of the natural beauty of our state and nation  
 14    depend upon citizen awareness of the need for and the  
 15    methods which may be employed in natural resource  
 16    conservation; and

17           WHEREAS, the tremendous expense of government  
 18    regulation in the areas of natural resource conservation and  
 19    environmental protection is due in great part to the private  
 20    individual's lack of understanding and appreciation of  
 21    natural resource and environmental problems and solutions;  
 22    and

23           WHEREAS, conservation education programs within the  
 24    public school system would, if thoughtfully and diligently  
 25    established and administered, instill in our youth an

1    awareness and appreciation of the need for natural resource  
 2    conservation, methods of achieving effective conservation,  
 3    and man's relationship to his natural environment and his  
 4    need to be integrated and reconciled with it; and

5            WHEREAS, such awareness and appreciation would have the  
 6    long-term effect of reducing the depletion of natural  
 7    resources and the need for ever more expansive and expensive  
 8    government regulation and would augment individual  
 9    well-being through integration and reconciliation with the  
 10    natural environment; and

11           WHEREAS, under the laws of Montana, the Board of Public  
 12    Education has the power and duty to adopt curricula and  
 13    standards for accreditation in the public schools.

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 15    NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE  
 16    OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

17           That the Board of Public Education is directed to adopt  
 18    policies for the establishment of conservation education  
 19    programs in public schools for the purpose of instilling in  
 20    the youth of the state of Montana an awareness and  
 21    appreciation of the need for natural resource conservation,  
 22    methods of achieving effective conservation, and man's  
 23    relationship to his natural environment and his need to be  
 24    integrated and reconciled with it.

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INTRODUCED BILL

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